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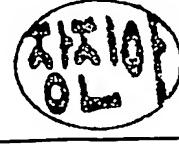
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- Box No. I Basis of the report
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

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the description:

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the claims:

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the description, pages _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-10, 12	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-10, 12	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10, 12	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The present invention of the claims 1-10 and 12 relates to a compound of the formula (1), a process for the preparation thereof, a pharmaceutical composition containing the same as an active ingredient and its use for treatment or prevention of hepatitis C.

1. Prior Art

The following document identified in the International Search Report have been considered for the purpose of this report:

D1= KR 2001-61856 A (07. JULY 2001)

D2= Tetrahedron Letters, 2000, Vol. 41, pp.9075-9078

D1 relates to 5-pyrimidine carboxamide derivatives and a pharmaceutical composition which are useful in the inhibition of the growth of hepatitis B virus and treatment of AIDS virus.

D2 relates to one-pot compounding method of 3,4-dihydropyrimidine-2(1H)-one which is used as a calcium channel blocker and an antihypertensive agent.

2. Novelty

The subject matter of claims 1-10 and 12 is the same as that of D1 in its purpose of providing a pharmaceutical composition for treatment of hepatitis. However, the structure of the compound of the present invention is different from that of D1 in that the compound of the present invention has carboxyl acid at 5 position of pyrimidine's main structure and the alkyl group or the alkoxy carbonyl group possibly substituted by halogen at 6 position, whereas the compound of D1 has the carboxamide group at 5 position and the amino group at 6 position. And they are also different in the method of manufacturing each compound.

(See Supplemental Box)

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Supplemental Box

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In addition, the present invention is different from D2 in its purpose, the method of manufacturing, and its chemical structure since the substituent at 4 position of pyrimidine's main structure of the present invention is different from the phenyl group at 4 position of D2.

Therefore, the subject-matter of claims 1-10 and 12 in the present invention which concerns the 1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine derivatives of formula (I) is considered to be novel over the above citations [PCT Article 33(2)].

3. Inventive step

The present invention's object is obviously to provide a compound having superior antiviral activity against hepatitis C and is fulfilled (see page 120-136 IC50 value in Table 2).

Accordingly claims 1-10 and 12 in the present invention, which concern the 1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine derivatives of formula (I) are considered to satisfy the requirements for the inventive step [PCT Article 33(3)].

4. Industrial applicability

The subject matter of claims 1-10 and 12 meets the requirement of PCT Article 33(4).